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**Editorial Opinion.**

To be good-natured is to be friendly.

NEVER yield God given rights in order to secure petty favors.

It is surprising to see how many people differ as to what is right.

The Democratic Party has ruined itself and "busted" the government.

COLORED men, do not be disheartened. Let us continue to struggle on.

STUBBORNNESS is often mistaken for conceit, arrogance, pride and self-love.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has long ago ascertained that he cannot depend upon his party.

BRETHREN, God is raising up white friends for us. Let us not weary in making our appeals. We will get exact justice by and by.

To constantly encroach upon the rights of others is to continually be in trouble yourself and to keep others in a similar condition.

LET us not be ill-mannered or boorish. Let us be polite and obliging. Let no man, be he white or black show himself more of a gentleman than ourselves.

ALL in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver will please get out of the Democratic Party. This invitation comes direct from the White House and Senator JOHN W. DANIEL will please take notice.

WE have received "A Rhyming" by JOSEPH S. COTTER. This production possesses real merit. The lines are musical and regular and we have no hesitancy in complimenting the author upon his success. Price 20 cents. Address the author at 2306 Magazine Street, Louisville, Ky.

THOMAS J. PENN, the Danville, Va. white hyena who raped LINA HANNA, the ten year old colored girl in the above named city attending to his tobacco business. No one seems to know where his victim is, and the officers of the law have ceased their efforts to find out. Was it murder, or abduction, or both? TOM PENN, when was it?

THAT was an admirable letter written by Mr. G. F. RICHINGS to the Boston Journal in reply to the article of a THOMAS ALFRED of Nashville, Tenn., who wrote to the Rochester Independent of Sheffield, England.

Mr. RICHINGS states the case exactly, without any mincing of his words.

He takes high ground and demonstrates conclusively his desire to accord to the Negro of this country equal justice.

May Mr. RICHINGS live long and prosper.

Does anybody believe that a white man would be hanged in Virginia for committing a criminal assault upon a colored woman? Does anybody believe that a white man would be hanged for attempting to commit a criminal assault upon a white woman? Then why was the

law enacted under the provisions of which THORNTON PARKER was hanged? Is it as plain as the nose in your face that it was done in order to an extent, legalize lynch-law, and hang Americans of African descent indiscriminately. It was done to save the alleged victims the necessity of being ever careful in their testimony. Gentlemen it was a license to hang Negroes. Mark the prediction, some white man will yet fall a victim to this trap set for members of the despoiled race.

**THE INCARCERATION OF HON. JOHN L. WALLER** in a French prison, in keeping with a twenty years sentence of a court martial is an outrage which should not be tolerated for one moment. Mr. Waller's release should be demanded and insisted upon. The conviction of Mr. WALLER is the result of the intrigues of the French trading companies. He had obtained valuable rubber concessions from the Hova government. We trust that this government will manifest an earnest desire to see him liberated and show sufficient backbone in this contention with the French government.

UNDER the laws of this state, the bodies of all criminals, paupers, inmates of almshouses who die are turned over to the Anatomical Board which in turn gives them to the medical college of the state. MORRIS HOPKINS, colored, who was hanged was thus summarily dealt with, although his parents protested, and his bereaved father drove back twelve miles in the country with his empty wagon, not being allowed to have the body of his boy. This ruling however sets a dangerous precedent. A white man, named NICKOLAS is under sentence of death and is to be hanged during the month of July. The question now arises as to what they will do with his body. They forcibly took HOPKINS from his relatives, will they be forward in demanding all that remains of PHILIP NORMAN NICKOLAS? We shall keep the public advised as to the outcome, feeling certain that some flimsy excuse will be made and that discriminations which have been so marked will be again shown in this case.

**REV. DR. COREY'S BOOK.**

WE have received the "History of the Richmond Theological Seminary," by Rev. C. H. COREY, D. D. This work deals with the thirty years' work among the colored people of the South.

The author's style is pleasing and the matter intensely interesting. He tells of the United States Commission of the schools for Colored Soldiers at Port Hudson.

He tells of the evacuation of Richmond, Lumpkin's jail, condition of the Freedmen at the close of the war, the work in behalf of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the purchase of the United States Hotel for use as the Richmond Institute.

He gives extracts from the official letters of the secretaries, comments upon needy students and the necessity of having enlightened leaders. The Capitol disaster is dealt with as is also the Freedmen's Bureau.

His description of the Richmond Theological Seminary, the students and the results of the labor is in keeping with the interesting character of the work.

He impresses upon the reader the need of endowment—more funds for the propagation of the work.

The attempted removal of the institution is commented upon. A chapter is devoted to the Old African Church, now the First Baptist Church of which Rev. JAMES H. HOLMES is pastor. The book contains fine portraits of the author Rev. Dr. J. E. JONES, Rev. Dr. D. N. YASSAR, Prof. G. RICE HOVEY, A. M., Rev. JAS. H. HOLMES the African Church, Richmond Theological Seminary, graduating Class 1892.

The work will richly repay perusal. We advise every one to secure a copy. It should be in the homes of our people. Price \$1.25. Address J. W. RANDOLPH Co., Publishers, Richmond, Va.

**THE SEVERITY OF THE PUNISHMENT.**

ONE of the most prolific sources of flagrant abuse is the magnifying of crimes committed by colored persons and the according of too severe punishment.

A colored man may deserve sixty days in jail for an offense committed, but he will be accorded one year; while a white man who deserves one year in jail for a crime committed will receive sixty days and if the offense be against a colored man will go "scot free."

To illustrate this point, one has but to take the case of CLAUDE HARRIS. An officer attempted to effect an arrest and left one of the men captured, in the hands of a white gentleman, whom he had called to assist him. The crowd took the colored man away, not from the officer but from the white gentleman in whose hands he had entrusted the person arrested. Misses were thrown, and not the officer, but his white assistant was struck on the head. The wound was not at all dangerous and the gentleman is alright again. If CLAUDE HARRIS threw the rock, and we assume that he did inasmuch as he has been convicted, what should his punishment have been?

What would have been the punishment of a white youth had he struck

a white man? Answer these questions impartially and you get an idea of what CLAUDE HARRIS punishment should have been for wrongfully striking the gentleman, who was acting under the instructions of the officer.

But a jury gave CLAUDE HARRIS two years in the Virginia penitentiary. Let us change the picture.

MOSES MELTON, white, who lives in Henrico Co., Va., brutally and feloniously kicked and beat a colored woman. The skull of her unborn babe was crushed in, and of course death followed, the mother being at the point of death. It is a mystery how she has lived up to this time.

MELTON, the brute, was admitted to bail in the sum of five hundred dollars and plans are under way by which he will virtually receive no punishment.

Here are two cases. Let conscientious white men consider. Is there any justice in the two cases?

The day will yet dawn when the people of the country will awaken to a realizing sense of the injustice done, and as a matter of self preservation the evils of injustice will have to be rooted up. A reaction must follow, retribution will come and will be to those who have been forward in venting their spleen and exercising their prejudices upon those whom they have for the time being in their power. Injustice practiced upon colored men cannot but react to the detriment of white ones as well.

**MR. CLEVELAND'S LETTER.**

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has written a most remarkable letter to Gov. STONE of Mississippi. He takes a decided stand in favor of an absolute gold standard, which he is pleased to term sound currency, and he argues to the question with an earnestness which betokens that he will fight it out to a finish along that line.

He vouches for the truthfulness of the assertion that the entire influence of the administration will be used along these lines, and that office-holders, who have views antagonistic to those expressed by him had better change them or remain ominously silent.

President CLEVELAND makes a surprising statement of his position, and in a few words replies to the criticism of his past actions, and his apparent desire to establish in this country what may be well termed a CLEVELAND Party. Here are his words under date of April 26, 1895:

My Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 21st instant is at hand. I do not feel inclined to find fault with your criticism, but I think the matters you refer to should be judged in the light of the circumstances existing at the time the things were done. I am glad you are building up or fostering a personal following, but so far as politics properly influence me in making appointments I have tried to be Democratic and not prejudicial. I am glad you are frank enough to admit your participation in bringing about a condition in office-holding which may not be all that should now be desired.

Whether those appointed to places shall, in speech and action, behave decently toward the administration under which they hold office must remain, to a large extent, a matter of tact and good breeding. There are, however, some officials who devote themselves so industriously to vilification and abuse of those under whom they hold office as to indicate that their ability cannot be trusted for the performance of their duties in a manner creditable to the administration, and who apparently assume that they may spend the time they owe the public service in doing political mischief. In the interest of good government such officials should not be surprised if they are summarily dealt with.

The same notice which he served upon Republicans is now being announced to disavow Democrats. Few men outside of Wall St., New York have dared to take so radical a stand upon the monetary question as that announced by Mr. CLEVELAND. Even where they held to the same views expressed by him, they were careful to speak in favor of bimetalism. Mr. CLEVELAND has taken issue with two-thirds of his own party, which is hopelessly committed to the free coinage of silver.

Two years is too short a time to convert it to his way of thinking and a split so pronounced that it will send all hope of Democratic success glimmering in the distance is the logical outcome of his declaration. But the President virtually prophesies the success of the Republican party in the next national election when he says:

If there are Democrats who suppose that our party can stand on a platform embodying such doctrine (free silver) either through its affirmative strength or through the perplexity of our opponents on the same proposition, or if there are Democrats who are willing to turn their backs upon their party association in the hope that free and unlimited coinage of silver will enable them to win a victory without the aid of either party organization, they should decide themselves no longer, nor longer refuse to look in the face the results that will follow the defeat, if not the disintegration, of the Democratic party upon the issue which tempts them from their allegiance. If we should be forced away from our traditional doctrine of sound and safe money our old antagonists will take the field on the platform which we abandon, and neither the vote of reckless Democrats nor reckless Republicans will avail to stay their easy march to power. This is as plain as anything can possibly be.

The issue is clearly defined. The South is not in accord with Mr. CLEVELAND. The West is hopelessly against him. The East favors his views but fears to trust the followers who endorse any wild-cat theory which has the appearance of being an aid to the continuance of the Democratic Party in power. Mr. CLEVELAND has prophesied truly. Disintegration has already set in and the downfall of the party of heresies and crude ideas is a certainty. It is not at all surprising that the captain of the ship should endeavor to steer clear of impending disaster and plead with the mutinous crew

which is determined to keep on the course to certain disaster.

**NO ONE PUNISHED.**

Five colored people were lynched near Greenville, Alabama, April 20, 1895. This was done contrary to law and in violation of the guarantees of the constitution of Alabama, and the constitution of the United States.

No information has as yet reached us that any effort has been or will be made to punish the perpetrators of this heinous murder.

All is quiet and with the advent of a few months the large influx upon the part of the country at large. How long will Americans of African descent submit?

There is no need for "hot-headedness." It is a condition which requires careful consideration and judicious treatment. The law fails to protect us and in the face of murder, rapine and arson as perpetrated against us, the officers of the law become as inanimate as though they had been turned to stone.

There is but one way to remedy the evil. American citizens of African descent must make an individual defense.

When lynchings come, the shot gun, the rifle, the old sabre, the sharpened axe, in fact anything handy must be brought into play, and every man should consider it his duty to see to it that at least one lyncher is left cold and stiff upon the ground before he yields up his life in accordance with the mob.

When this is done, there will be fewer lynchings and the practice will finally fall into disuse. We advise this policy in all cases be the lyncher, white or black.

Regardless of the cost or the sacrifice, lynch-law must go!

The strike of the coal-miners of the Flat Top region near Bluefield, W. Va., and the decision of those of Pocahontas, Va., to follow suit has led to a grave apprehension of danger and Gov. O'FERALL has ordered about three hundred troops to the scene of expected hostilities. The miners are clearly right in their contention whether they win or not. The operators, in our judgement should be willing to suffer a loss sometimes and not expect their laboring element to be the losers all the time.

The price of coal has not been down to what it should have been. The consumer is made to pay whether the times be good or bad.

The Norfolk and Western R. R. is in the hands of receivers, thus demonstrating that it is unable to meet its obligations. It is not surprising that an effort should be made to make better terms in order to again regain its former equilibrium. The matter is of far-reaching importance and all parties should be willing to make reasonable concessions in order that peace may reign and blood shed may be averted.

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Cornelia Walker.  
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Mrs. Bettie Hooper, Louisville, Ky.  
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